

Delaware Guardianship Commission Meeting

April 24, 2017 - MINUTES

Meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

No Quorum was present; Vote on January 2017 minutes deferred.

Present were:

Patricia Justice, Esq. Vice-Chair

Patricia Maichle, DDC

Master Kim Ayvazian

Rosie Musheno, Intern

Lisa Barchi, Esq., DOJ

Diane Andrews, Esq.

Sherri Hageman

James R. Reynolds

I. OPENING REMARKS

Welcome. Vote on minutes deferred due to lack of a quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Update on potential ABA Grant Application was given.
- Discussed Educational Plan:

High Points:

Need for a Consistent message across all platforms
Possible Town Hall Meetings
Success of Facebook Pages
Connecting links on pages to reinforce availability
Presentations at Senior Centers
Clubs: Lion's, Rotary, Elks, Other Special Interest
League of Women Voters

- Discussion on Statistics gathering:

Patty was working on a policy regarding comprehensive decision making issues facing nursing homes.

It was suggested to check with outside sources or National Groups to see about statistics on the issue.

ACTION item: Send SDM Committee report out to DGC members.

Diane Andrews was going to follow up on whether Hospitals kept statistics on people who end up in the ER with no decision makers or place to go. Inquiries would be made as to where the info could be, or how it would be obtained. Diane Andrews volunteered to contact the Delaware Hospital Association representative, Wayne Smith.

- Discussion on Title 12 Changes:

The Commission reviewed a small change to the language of Title 12, Chapter 3901(e) which would specifically empower the Court to order limited guardianships. This language was from the Court of Chancery subcommittee working on the idea, where it met with approval, but no further action.

Noted comment on following up with changes to Medicaid regs that would allow for payment of guardians, even where the Ward has limited funds.

III. New Business

Discussion of the creation of the Annual Report and following up on contacting addition Stakeholders.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.